

# Liturgy for Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Saturdays, Fall 2021

Fourth Presbyterian Church

South Boston

**6:00pm GATHERING** (A time for connecting and meditation)

**6:10 OPENING SENTENCES** (from Iona community)

One: Come to us this night, O God

ALL: Come to us with light.

One: Speak to us this night, O God.

ALL: Speak to us in your truth

One: Dwell with us this night, O God.

ALL: Dwell with us in love.

One: We gather here in your presence, God,

ALL: In our need, & bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: I will wait for the Lord, says the Psalmist,  
my soul waits; and in God's Presence do we hope.

## EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH (in unison)

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day  
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
and though the night is here, today I believe.

## SONG

## READING and REFLECTION

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Shared prayer requests

Pastoral Prayer, concluding with:

As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. come upon us with quietness and still our souls, that we may listen for the whisper of Your 'spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil, and love to fill spaces in our lives Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response (hummed, spoken, or sung):

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,

let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## BENEDICTION

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### A BEGINNING LIST OF SONGS

#### STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O Lord

Standing in the need of prayer (2x) It's me, it's me....

#### WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; (2x)

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, ...

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand (2x)

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land;

CHORUS....

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather togeth-er to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chast-ens and hast -ens His will to make known;  
The wicked op-pressing now cease from dis-tressing,  
Sing praises to His name: He for-gets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Or -dain -ing, main-tain -ing His kingdom di-vine;  
So from the be-ginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glo - ry be Thine!

## SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
We're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

TAIZE – The Lord is my light, my light & salvation  
In God, I trust. In God I trust.

## BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

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Liturgy is drawn from the services we have been doing  
over the past 18 months